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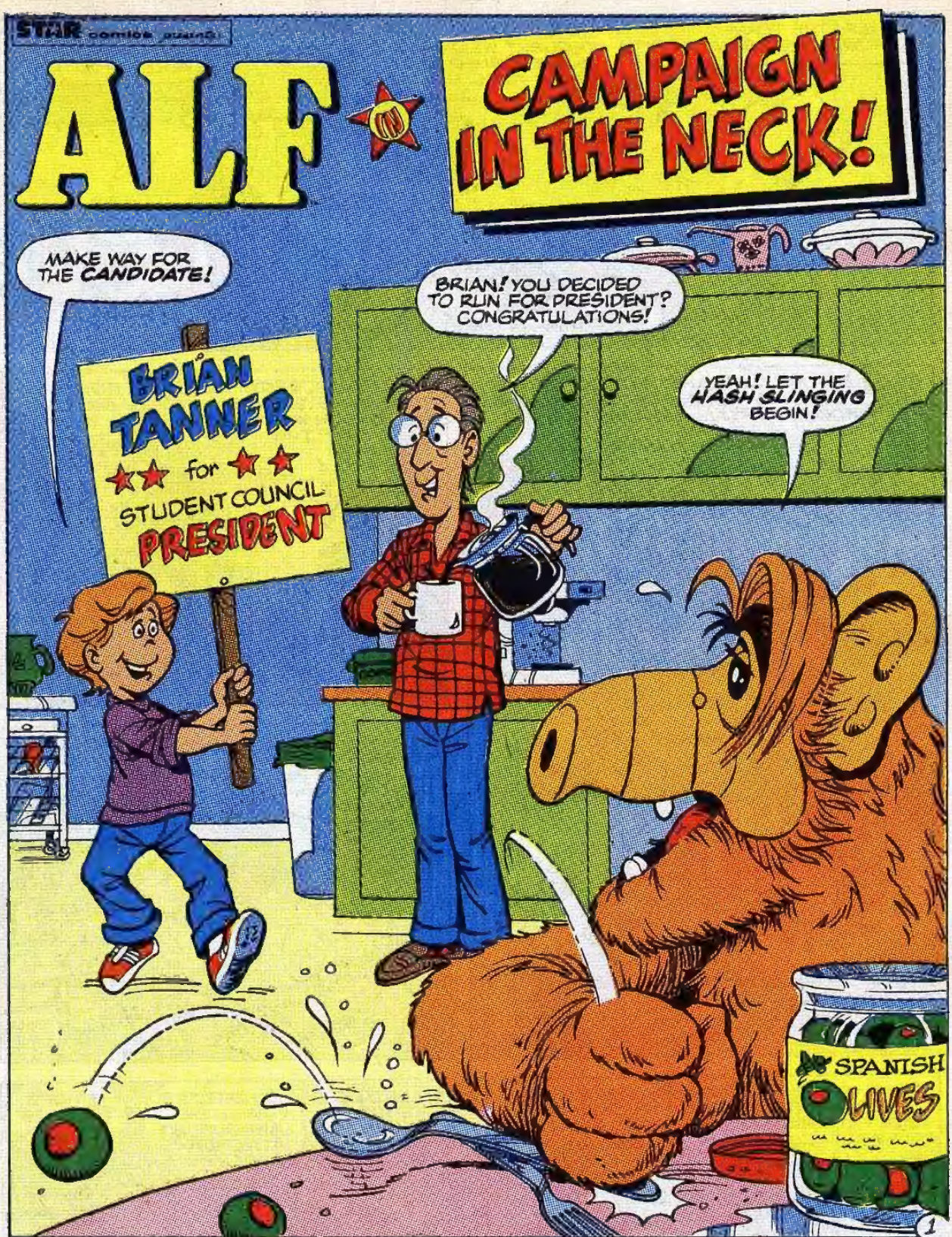
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CAMPAIGN IN THE NECK!
MAKE WAY FOR THE CANDIDATE!
BRIAN TANNER ★★ for ★★ STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT
BRIAN! YOU DECIDED TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT? CONGRATULATIONS!
YEAH! LET THE HASH SLINGING BEGIN!
SPANISH OLIVES
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NO, ALF! THE TERM IS MUDSLINGING!
I KNOW THAT! I JUST THOUGHT WE'D HAVE SOME CORNED BEEF HASH TO CELEBRATE!
C'MON, ALF...ADMIT IT! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT POLITICS!
HA! BEFORE MY PLANET EXPLODED, I WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE BULLMEL-MOOSE PARTY!...RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING OUR GOVERNMENT INTO A PHLEGMOCRACY!
A WHAT?
A PHLEGMOCRACY! THE PRIME MINISTER WAS THE PERSON WHO COULD SPIT THE LONGEST DISTANCE!
YUK!
SORRY I BROUGHT IT UP!
ANYWAY, NO NEED TO BEG ME... I'LL GLADLY BE YOUR CAMPAIGN MANAGER!
OKAY, ALF!
WAIT JUST A MINUTE!
C'MON, WILSON WOODROW, I NEED A HOBBY! I WAS ABOUT TO START MAKING COCKROACH CUFF LINKS!
OOOO...WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, ALL RIGHT!
EXCELLENT! LET'S BEGIN THE MELMAKING OF THE PRESIDENT-1990...
CANDIDATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT MONDAY'S ASSEMBLY!
I HOPE THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA!
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MONDAY MORNING.
THANKS FOR DRIVING ME, MOM! I NEVER COULD'VE CARRIED ALL THIS STUFF ON THE SCHOOL BUS...
SURE THING, BRIAN! ERIC LOVES TO GO FOR A RIDE!
CAH!
TANNER IS YOUR PROPER MANNER
B.T.
OKAY, KID... REMEMBER HOW I SHOWED YOU TO PLANT THOSE BUGGING DEVICES IN THE GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM!
ALF!
JUST KIDDING! I PACKED YOUR BRIEFCASE, BRIGUY!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP, ALF!
COULD YOU OPEN THE GARAGE DOOR, PLEASE?
SLAM!
BE GOOD, ALF!
THANKS, AGAIN!
NO PROBLEM! I HAVE NOT YET BEGUN TO HELP!
IN ABOUT 45 MINUTES, THE FUN REALLY BEGINS!
HOW'S THAT FOR FIVE SHADOWING? er... I MEAN FORE-SHADOWING!
FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER AT THE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY...
GOOD MORNING, STUDENTS! TODAY WE'LL BE ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATES FOR THIS YEAR'S STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION!
STUDENT COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
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AS I READ EACH CANDIDATE'S NAME, PLEASE STAND UP AND RAISE YOUR HAND!
FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT: BRIAN TANNER!
HERE!
SOMETHING JUST CLICKED IN YOUR BRIEFCASE, BRI!
CLIQUE!
FELLOW DELEGATES! I PRESENT THE ONLY MAN FOR THE PRESIDENCY... BRIAN TANNER! A MAN WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD FEAR! OR COMPROMISE! OR MILIEU!
BRIAN?
STUDENTS! DID YOU EVER WONDER WHERE YOUR LUNCH MONEY REALLY GOES?
UHH... UM... SORRY, SIR!
IT'S M-MY WALKMAN! WITH AN AMPLIFIER! HEH HEH... HOOKED UP TO A :quip: TIMER!...
MOST INGENIOUS!
AND ANOTHER THING!
BRIAN TANNER ISN'T AFRAID TO GO AFTER THE CORRUPT FAT CATS IN THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION :squawk:! HE'LL ROOT OUT :Bzzz: KICKBACKS :Crackle: PAYOLA :Blat:
STOMP!
SMUNSK!
BASH!
Ahem! ASSEMBLY DISMISSED! MR. TANNER... FOLLOW ME TO MY OFFICE... NOW!
Y-Y-YESSIR...
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LATER THAT DAY...
PRETTY FANCY TRICK, ALF... RIGGING MY WALKMAN TO GO OFF LIKE THAT! I SPENT MOST OF THE DAY APOLOGIZING IN PRINCIPAL HOPKINS' OFFICE!
I KNOW...HE CALLED! KATE'S MAKING ME PAY FOR MY FAUX PAS WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE! JUST LIKE ROB LOWE!
ALF AS A CAMPAIGN MANAGER, YOU MAKE A GREAT BUS DRIVER!
OKAY! I ALREADY GOT QUITE A BEEF TONGUE LASHING FROM YOUR MOM!
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP, I COULD USE A BANNER!
THE HULK? I DUNNO KID...I COULD TALK TO MARIE, BUT IT'S A LONG SHOT...
ALF'S MAKING AN INSIDE JOKE, REFERRING TO MARIE SEVERIN'S INKING WORK ON THE HULK COMIC!--Editor
NO...AN ELECTION BANNER...IT'D GET A LOT OF ATTENTION! I'D MAKE IT MYSELF, BUT I'VE GOT LOTS OF HOMEWORK!
YEAH! I'M GETTING A MELMENTAL IMAGE...YOU GOT IT, BRIAN!
BRIAN TANNER FOR PRESIDENT
ding!
THEN NEXT MORNING...
I'M LATE! IS ALF AROUND?
HE SAID HE STILL HAD WORK TO DO ON YOUR "BANNER" IN THE GARAGE!
HONK!
NO TIME! THERE'S THE BUS! I'LL GET IT LATER! BYE, MOM!
I'M JUST GRATEFUL HE'S BUSY! BYE!
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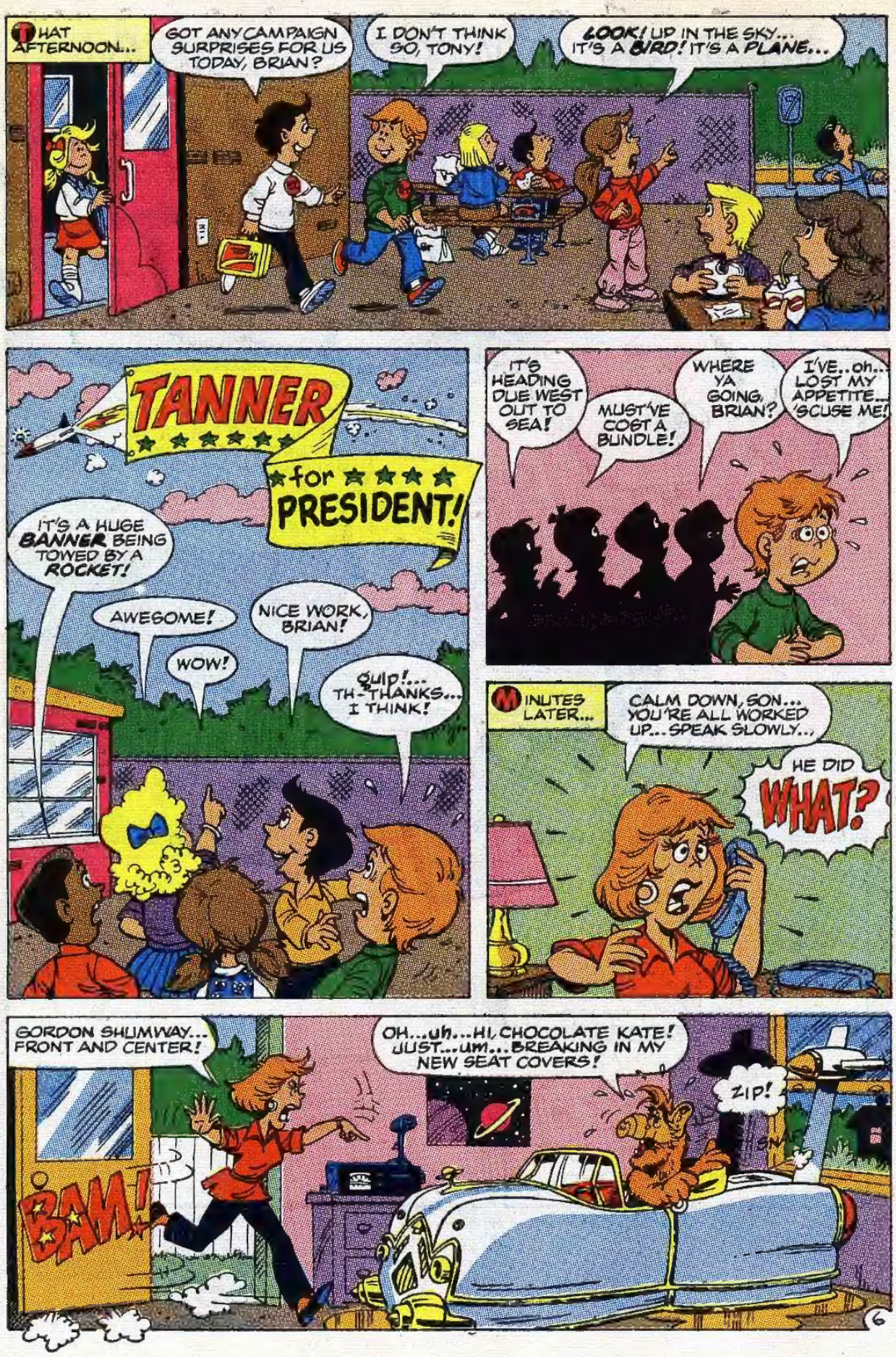
THAT AFTERNOON...
GOT ANY CAMPAIGN SURPRISES FOR US TODAY, BRIAN?
I DON'T THINK SO, TONY!
LOOK! UP IN THE SKY... IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE...
TANNER
for PRESIDENT!
IT'S A HUGE BANNER BEING TOWED BY A ROCKET!
AWESOME!
WOW!
NICE WORK, BRIAN!
gulp!... TH-THANKS... I THINK!
IT'S HEADING DUE WEST OUT TO SEA!
MUST'VE COST A BUNDLE!
WHERE YA GOING, BRIAN?
I'VE..oh.. LOST MY APPETITE... 'SCUSE ME!
MINUTES LATER...
CALM DOWN, SON... YOU'RE ALL WORKED UP... SPEAK SLOWLY...
HE DID WHAT?
GORDON SHUMWAY... FRONT AND CENTER!
OH...uh...HI, CHOCOLATE KATE! JUST...um...BREAKING IN MY NEW SEAT COVERS!
ZIP!
SNAP!
BAM!
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DON'T FIB TO ME! YOU SENT A GUIDED MISSILE OUT OVER BRIAN'S SCHOOL!
OKAY! I CONFESS!! YOU'RE A REGULAR KELLY MELMSGILLIS!
DANGER
BUT I WAS JUST DOING WHAT "THE CANDIDATE" WANTED! ANY AGENT WORTH HIS SALT SUBSTITUTE WILL TELL YOU YOU'VE GOTTA HUMOR THE TALENT SOMETIMES!
NNGH...
COME ALONG! YOU'RE SIGNING AN ALF-ADAVIT SAYING THAT YOU'RE RESIGNING DUE TO THE INTENSE MEDIA PRESSURE!
WHAT MEDIA PRESSURE?
IF YOU DON'T QUIT, I'M GOING TO DROP THE T.V. ON YOUR HEAD!
OH, THAT MEDIA PRESSURE!
STILL, LATER...
HI, HONEY, HOW WAS THE REST OF YOUR DAY?
NOT SO HOT...I HAD TO VISIT THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE AGAIN!
WELL, YOU WON'T HAVE ALF TO KICK YOU AROUND ANY MORE!
RING!
THAT'S PROBABLY FOR YOU...SEVERAL OF YOUR FRIENDS HAVE CALLED ALREADY...
OKAY!
HELLO...
BRIAN! HEY, THANKS FOR THE BASEBALL GLOVE! YOU GOT MY VOTE!
LA
WHAT?!
YEAH... SOME OF THE OTHER GUYS ARE HERE! DAVE WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR THE BICYCLE!
BRIAN?
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SHORTLY...
OW! AT LEAST USE MY OTHER ARM SO MY STRETCH MARKS MATCH!
grumble mumble... NO JURY ON EARTH... OR MELMAC WOULD CONVICT ME!
YES...I UNDERSTAND... OKAY...HOLD ON...
ALF, YOU USED OUR CREDIT CARD TO BUY VOTES FOR BRIAN!! sigh: WHAT NEXT?
THIS IS PRINCIPAL HOPKINS FOR YOU MOM!
IT WAS A RHETORICAL QUESTION, BRIAN!
YES? I SEE! OKAY...WHAT TIME?
MOM SAID YOU QUIT AS MY MANAGER!
EVERY POLITICIAN NEEDS A GOOD LOBBYIST!
Ahem...PRINCIPAL HOPKINS WILL BE STOPPING BY FOR A CONFERENCE TONIGHT!
gulp! HERE!
GOOD! I'VE GOT SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOR HIM...HOW'D HE BUY A BMW ON HIS SALARY? HOW'D THAT BIMBO GET ON THE SCHOOL BOARD?
ALL YOU'VE GOT IS CLEANUP DUTY, MISTER! GRAB A BROOM AND SWEEP THE GARAGE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM... AND NO DINNER BREAK!!!
YES'M!
gosh! What'll I say?
HMF! SCRUB THE FLOOR...CLEAN THE GARAGE...I TELL YA, POLITICS IS A DIRTY BUSINESS!
HA!
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THAT EVENING...
SO, IT'S AGREED? ALL THE GIFTS WILL BE RETURNED?
RIGHT AWAY!
ONE MORE THING... I'VE DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE RACE! I THINK I'D RATHER PLAY SOCCER!
WISE DECISION, SON! MORE TEA?
NO, THANKS, I'LL BE GOING! SEE YOU AT SCHOOL TOMORROW, BRIAN!
YES, SIR..
GOOD NIGHT!
WHAT A NICE MAN... VERY UNDERSTANDING!
UHH...WHAT'S THAT TAPED TO THE SEAT OF HIS PANTS?
A BRIAN FOR PRESIDENT BUMPER STICKER!?
ALF MUST'VE PLANTED IT IN HIS CHAIR! I'LL GO GET IT!
AND I'LL GO GET ALF...
MINUTES LATER...
BRIAN! THE FOLKS IMPRISONED ME IN ERIC'S PLAYPEN! YOU GOTTA TALK TO THEM! GET ME OUTTA HERE!
BRIAN FOR PRESIDENT
I'LL TAKE THAT UNDER ADVISEMENT AND GET BACK TO YOU AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY!
AHH...THE KID'S GONNA MAKE A GREAT POLITICIAN!!
THE END
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ALF
For one brief, shining melmoment...
WELL, TOP O'TH' MORNIN' TO YE, ALFIE ME BOY!
A NATION ONCE AGAIN.
~Yawn~ IRISH MUSIC ON THE RADIO... WEARING YOUR SHAMROCK APRON...
FEELING RATHER GAELIC TODAY, MS. HALIGAN-TANNER?
GALLAGHER / MANAK / SEVERIN
INDEED I AM, MR. Mc SHUMWAY! AND I'LL BE SERVING A TRADITIONAL IRISH BREAKFAST!
THAT'S NICE... HMMM-- WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
THOSE ARE FRESH-BAKED SCONES, A TEA BISCUIT!
WHY, SO THEY ARE!
Chomp!... YOU KNOW, THIS REMINDS ME OF MY LEGENDARY ANCESTOR, KING ALFUR.. AND THE GLORIOUS DAYS OF...
Camelot!
DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL... ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT A MELMAC FLASHBACK!
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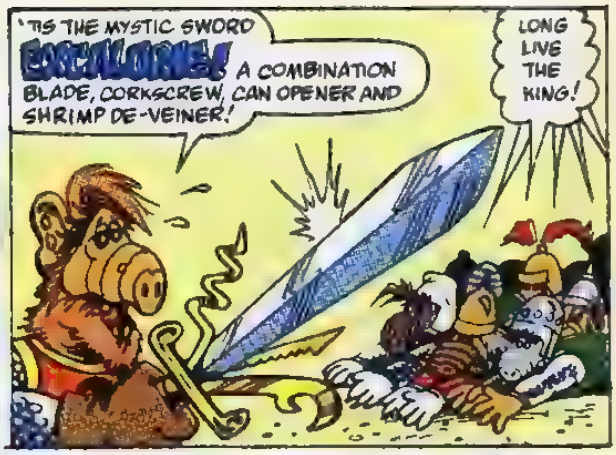
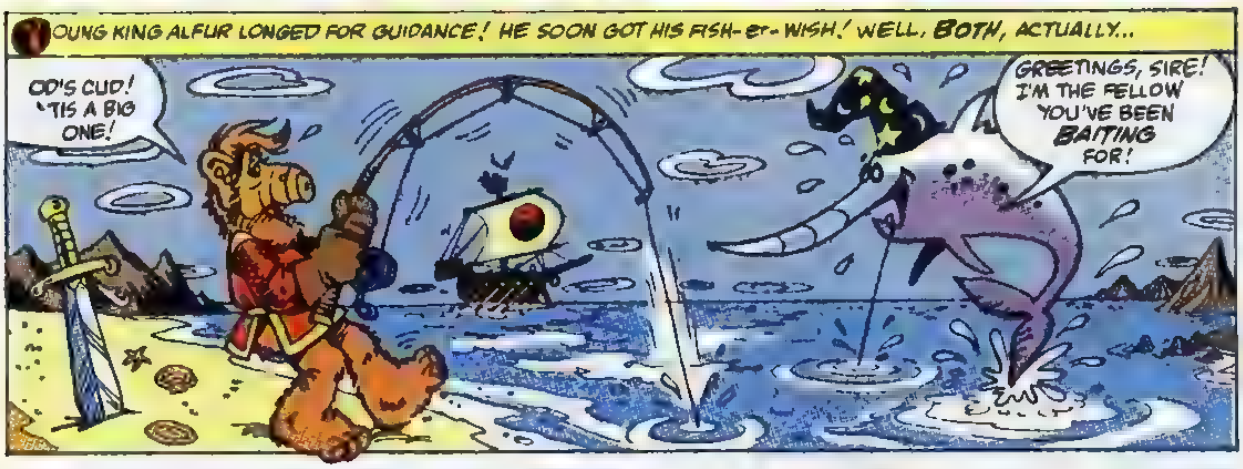
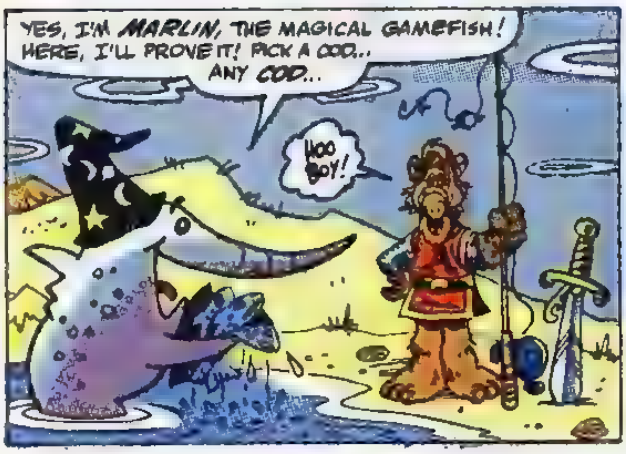
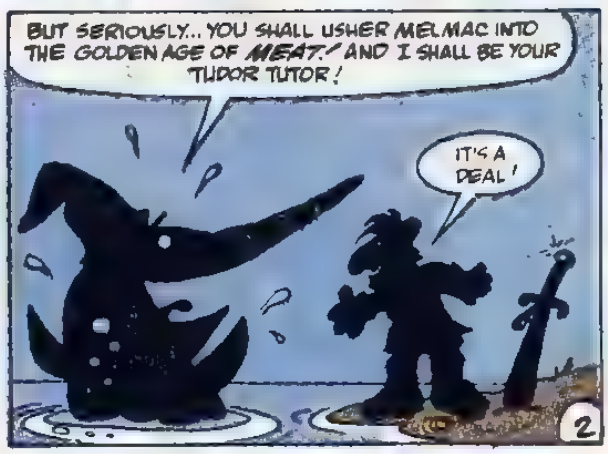
AH, YES... ALFUR WAS A MELMERE BOY WHEN HE PULLED THE SWORD FROM THE STONE AND WAS DECLARED KING OF MELMAC!
OOPS!
HE'S DONE WHAT HUNDREDS OF STRONG MELMEN COULDN'T!
Gasp!
BIK
Sword Fight
3 TRIES 1 WERNICK
FORSOOTH!
FIVE-SOOTH!
ALL HAIL KING ALFUR!


'TIS THE MYSTIC SWORD EXCALIBUR! A COMBINATION BLADE, CORKSCREW, CAN OPENER AND SHRIMP DE-VEINER!
LONG LIVE THE KING!

SUCH AN AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY! I MUST DO WHAT ANY NEWLY-ELECTED HEAD OF STATE SHOULD, I'M GOING FISHING!
ALL HAIL!
MAKE WAY!
BOW LOW!
SELL HIGH!


OUNG KING ALFUR LONGED FOR GUIDANCE! HE SOON GOT HIS FISH-er-WISH! WELL, BOTH, ACTUALLY...
OD'S CUD! 'TIS A BIG ONE!
GREETINGS, SIRE! I'M THE FELLOW YOU'VE BEEN BAITING FOR!


YES, I'M MARLIN, THE MAGICAL GAMEFISH! HERE, I'LL PROVE IT! PICK A COD... ANY COD...
HOO BOY!


BUT SERIOUSLY... YOU SHALL USHER MELMAC INTO THE GOLDEN AGE OF MEAT! AND I SHALL BE YOUR TUDOR TUTOR!
IT'S A DEAL!
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MERLIN TAUGHT HIM WELL! YEARS LATER, ALFUR ESTABLISHED THE KINGDOM OF Hamelot! IT WAS RENOWNED FOR ITS GROUND ROUND TABLE, WHERE KNIGHTS ATE MEAT DISHES 27½ HOURS A DAY!
Chomf!
PORK!
BEEF
CALICO!
CHICKEN!
BURRO!
TILL WE MEAT AGAIN!
VENISON!
GLOM!
HIC!
GNAW!
LAMB!
SCARF!
THE KING BECAME ENAMORED OF THE CUTLET CHEF..
BEAUTIFUL! GEORGEOUS! MAGNIFICENT! YOU'RE NOT SO BAD EITHER, KIDDO! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
GUENEVEAL, SIRE!
A SIZZLING ROMANCE SOON FOLLOWED!
LET'S GET MARRIED RIGHT AWAY!
CAN I PUT OUT THE GREASE FIRE THAT OUR SIZZLING ROMANCE STARTED FIRST?
CITIZENS OF HAMELOT... I GIVE YOU QUEEN GUENEVEAL!
ALL HAIL!
HAIL
HAIL
HAIL
HAIL
doink
HMM...IT'S STARTING TO HAIL...
GUENEVEAL QUICKLY ADAPTED TO ROYAL LIFE...
YOUR HIGHNESS... A NEW KNIGHT APPROACHES THE CASTLE...
TELL IT TO THE KING...OR HAS HE GONE FISHING AGAIN?
AH, BUT THIS ONE IS A DEAD RINGER FOR ROBERT GOULASH!
WOW!
WHAT A HUNK OF MELMAN!
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THE BRASH AND BOASTFUL SIR ENHANCELOT HAD ARRIVED--AND HAMELOT WAS NEVER THE SAME!
THEN I FOUGHT OFF TWO.. NO, FOUR... I MEAN TWELVE DRAGONS...YEAH, THAT'S THE TICKET!
OHHH, SIR'E!
SWOON!
Oooh!
HOW MACHO!
sigh
FAINT
grow!
snarl
woof
EASY, BOYS!
SO, BIG SHOT.. WHY SHOULD WE WELCOME YOU TO HAMELOT?
BECAUSE I AM PERFECT... BECAUSE I AM PURE. BECAUSE I AM MODEST...
BUT MOST OF ALL, BECAUSE I AM BRINGING TWENTY WAGONLOADS OF PRIME RIB TO YOU, SIRE!
WELCOME TO THE CLUB STEAK, GUY!
BUT KING ALFUR LIVED TO REGRET THAT DECISION AS HIS WIFE GREW QUITE FOND OF SIR ENHANCELOT!
THEN THERE WAS THE TIME I SEARCHED FOR THE HOLY QUAIL...
OH, MY!
METHINKS THE QUEEN'S EYE WANDERS.
METHINKS THY HEAD WILL WANDER IF THE KING HEARS YOU...
Sigh...
ALFUR GATHERED HIS KNIGHTS TO STOP THE GOSSIP...
SOME SAY I SHOULD BANISH THEM! BUT I SHAN'T! MY CODE WON'T ALLOW IT! DO YOU HEAR? MY CODE!
NOW GET OUT!
BIG DEAL! SO HE'S GOT A CODE IN HIS DOSE!...
WHEN I FOUGHT BEOWULF, I HAD A FEVER OF 826°!
UNEASY HANGS THE CROWN!
WHOOO!
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HAMLOT BEGAN TO CRUMBLE... EMPLOYEES QUIT, KNIGHTS QUARRELED AND ALFUR JUST SULKED!
SIRE, I'M HERE ABOUT THE "HEAD CHEF" JOB IN THE PAPER!
HA! LITTLE DOES HE KNOW THAT I AM EVIL MORBREAD, COME TO DESTROY HIS PRECIOUS GROUND ROUND TABLE!
:Sigh:... YOU'RE HIRED!
MORBREAD, THE FIENDISH LOAFER, ALTERED HAMELOT'S MENU, REPLACING MEAT WITH BAKED GOODS!
OKAY, GALS... JUST PRETEND I'M ED MELMcMAHON AND THIS IS STARCH SEARCH! HA!
gasp!
CALL THE QUEEN!
BAH! MUFFINS!!! WHERE'S THE BEEF?
THIS FOOD IS SO WIMPY!
YES-- I'LL GLADLY PAY YOU TUESDAY FOR A HAMBURGER TODAY!
MORBREAD, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
OH, ABOUT 4'8½" MY QUEEN... :snicker:
YOU PARASITE! I'VE SLAIN 20 MELMEN FOR INSULTS LIKE THAT... NO... 40! 75! 6,923...
SOON...
MAKE THAT 6,924!!!
glurk...
ALFUR! LISTEN TO ME! YOUR KNIGHTS ARE REVOLTING!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR STRAIGHTLINES, JENNY!
INDEED IT WAS! A MASSIVE FOOD FIGHT ERUPTED, BRINGING DOWN THE GLORY THAT WAS HAMELOT!
:chuckle: HATRED! DISSENSION! VIOLENCE! JUST LIKE THE N.Y. YANKEES CLUBHOUSE!
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THE GOLDEN AGE OF MELMAC WAS NO MORE... THE MAIN CHARACTERS WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS...!
I'M OFF TO THE BIG CITY.. I'LL BE A MILLIONAIRE IN TWO YEARS... NO... SIX MONTHS.. BY YESTERDAY!
WOE IS ME! SENTENCED TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE COOKING PASTRY IN A BUNNERY!
HOWL!
I THINK I'LL GO DROWN SOME WORMS!
AT THE BEACH, ALFIE WAS REUNITED WITH MARLIN!
TAKE ME AWAY TO THE LAND OF FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY!
NEXT STOP AVEDON!
MUSIC SWELLS... OCEAN SWELLS... HEART SWELL...
IS IT OVER? SWELL!
C'MON, ALF... EAT YOUR BREAKFAST! I WANT TO CLEAN UP IN HERE!
BUT, KATE--WAIT! THERE'S MORE!
THE STORY OF HAMELOT WAS MADE INTO THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL IN THE HISTORY OF MELMAC...
MMM..
...WITH MUSIC BY THE ROLLING SCONES!
IF EVER I WOULD LEAVE YOU... ♪ HOW COULD IT BE AT DINNERTIME? ♪...
SURELY, YOU JOUST, ALF!
THE END
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MELMAC MAIL SACK

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Yo Alf,

I'm a very big fan of yours. I get your comic books, I watch your TV show, and the cartoon.

Since you're an alien, I thought you might have super powers. You don't, but I like you anyway. Have you seen the movie "War of the Worlds"? I think you'd like it.

One thing that's been on my mind is how Kate-o-mite blows her stack at you so often. How do you take it? I'd have vaporized her by now. Here's some advice. Stand up to her. If this makes her mad, make a mad dash to your ship, and take off. You don't have to leave forever--just orbit the Earth for a couple of weeks, then come back. Kate should've cooled off by then.

Ha, ha, hee, hee! I kill me!

Eric Oxner
Monroe, NC

Good--saves other folks the trouble!

Fact is, Kate and Alf really do love each other. They just have a few differences of opinion when it comes to house cleaning... plus food, religion, politics, humor, and, well, just about everything else.

Could it be you're just trying to stir up trouble, hm?!!

Dear ALF,

I loved you in the "X-Melmen" [ish #22]. Let's see more of your melmutant misadventures with them.

My favorite melmutant is the Michigan Wolverine. My brother's favorite is Brogue.

Until Dark Kleenex returns,

Ben McNeely
Easley, SC

P.S. Where can I get a picture of you by that famous Melmacian artist, Dave MELmanak?

Getting a pic of Alf drawn by your favorite artist isn't difficult. That's 'cause *every* issue of ALF is filled with pictures of that foreign furball--*all* drawn by the Dashing Dave!

We're glad you enjoyed the X-Melmen story... but why did you have to bring up Dark Kleenex again? Are you trying to get Psych-Major psyched up? That guy moans and cries enough as it is.

Dear ALF (G.S.), W.T., .T., L.T., B.T., and E.T.,

Why does Alf have fur? Is Melmac cold? Is it for protection? A new fad? A failure in the winter coat industry? You may have explained this in ALF #6, "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow," but I missed it

I've only been collecting comics for a few months. (But I did pick up ALF ANNUAL #1. Now I'm a big ALF fan, ALF was my key to the comic world.)

But let's end the speeches and say... till next time, I'll be MARVELing at ALF, the biggeSTAR!

David M. Vest
Cleveland, TN

We're not sure why Alf has fur, but we *are* sure we don't want to see him without it. Kate did, in that famous Ish #6, and the experience was truly horrifying!

Dear ALF,

I'm your greatest fan because I have a VHS and I tape your shows, and also because I have every book there is to buy about you. I'm also a UFOlogist and I'd really like to meet an alien face to face!!

You know, Superman tried many times to save his home planet by going back into the past just before Krypton exploded. Why don't you give it a try??? Do you think you'll ever be lucky enough to meet other alien beings or super heroes, or even the High Evolutionary??

Oh, by the way, once I caught a stray cat and sent him to the SPCA. Hey, man, I didn't have your address!!!

Continue with the great work!! You will never know how much I like you. You're my idol!

Denis Déziel
Sherbrooke, Quebec
Canada

Perhaps you're right--Alf will never realize how much you like him. Still, we have a hunch he won't mind if you (and/or other folks) keep trying to tell him!

(And about your claim to be Alf's greatest fan? There are a couple of other contenders, we think!)

Alfmeister,

I've been collecting your comics since the beginning and to date, have every one. However, I was terribly disturbed to find in your reply to Chris Pearce [Melmac Mail Sack, issue #21] that you enjoy eating platypus eggs. The Duckbill Platypus is one of the strangest and most exotic creatures on the face of the earth, and I would hate to see its possible extinction due to your eating habits. Alf, please reconsider.

Waddling toward a better tomorrow,

Walt Smith
Orlando, FL

Okay, okay! If he can learn to forgo catburgers, he can probably skip platypus eggs, too. Poor guy.

Dear ALF,

I'm writing because I want you to put the X-Melmen in more of your issues. I also thought you could put more of the new (and old, if you wanted) ones into your version--like Storm, or Nightcrawler, or maybe ShadowCAT a.k.a KITTY Pryde! (Bet you could do something with that!) But, I guess you have your own reasons. I mean, most of them (X-Men) are dead or gone

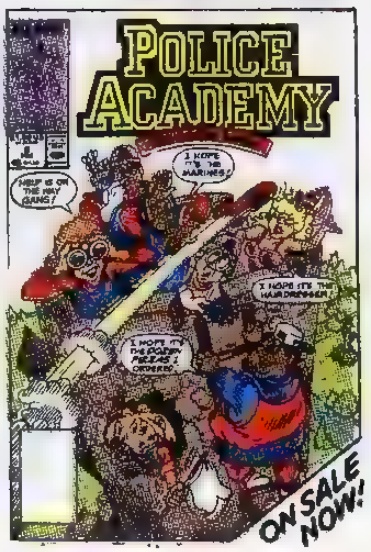
I loved Gornan the Bar-B-Q-Barian [ish #20]! I think you should tell us more about Red Bologna. Hmm... maybe you should make a comic book devoted to Melmac flashbacks, sort of like the cartoon, "Alf Tales." And maybe you could have a flashback on the TV show--yeah, that would be cool!

Oh, and by the way, you must have a lot of dead fans. HA!! I'm dead...

Nathan Atkins
Seattle, WA

If you like the X-Melmen, you must love the Alf Holiday Special #2--on sale now!

THE NEW STAR FROM STAR!


POLICE ACADEMY
I HOPE IT'S THE MARINES!
HELP IS ON THE WAY GANG!
I HOPE IT'S THE HAIRDRESSER!
I HOPE IT'S THE CHINESE FOOD I ORDERED!
ON SALE NOW!

ALF IN
Take This Job And Love It!
ALF! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE TELEPHONE?
ALF! IT'S VERY LATE!
GOTTA GO! MUCHAS GRACIAS FOR YOUR ORDER...BYE, NOW...
"THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER"?
ALF...ARE YOU SELLING SOMETHING?
I CAN BEST ANSWER YOU WITH A SONG...
WE ARE THE WOOOOOORLD...
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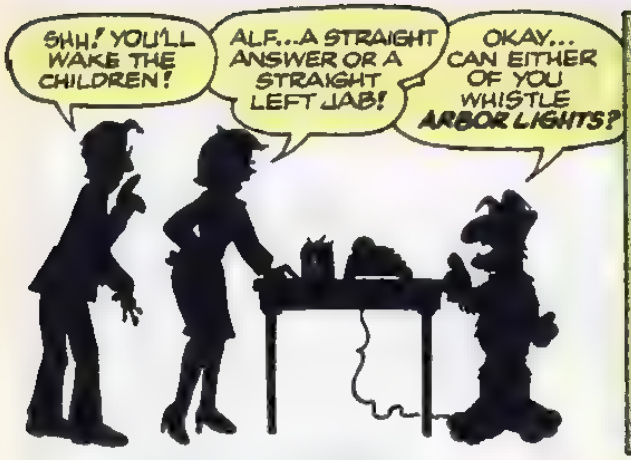
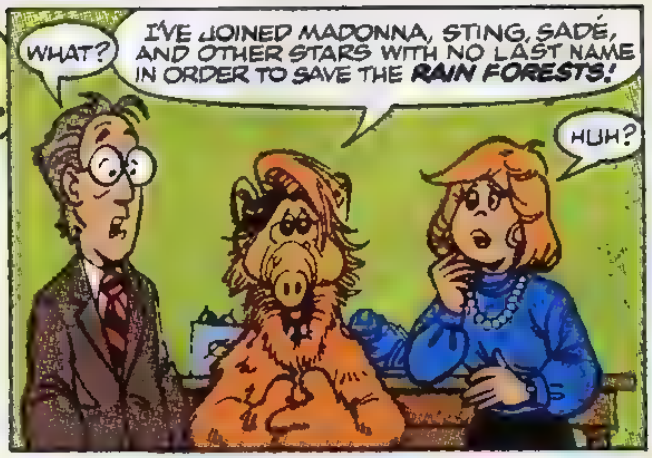
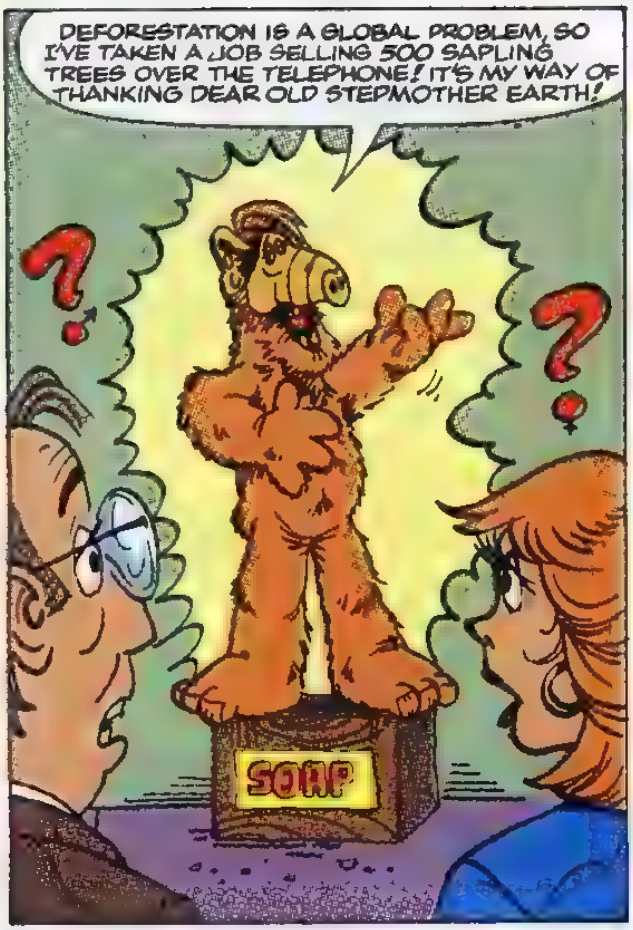
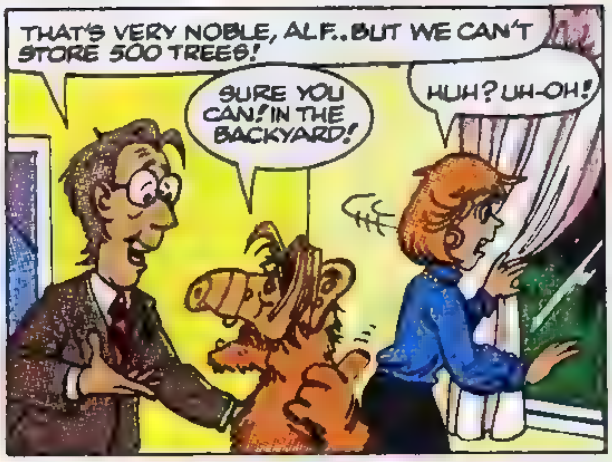
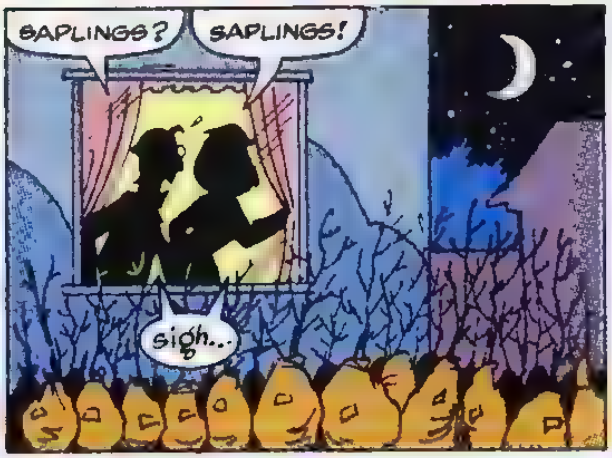
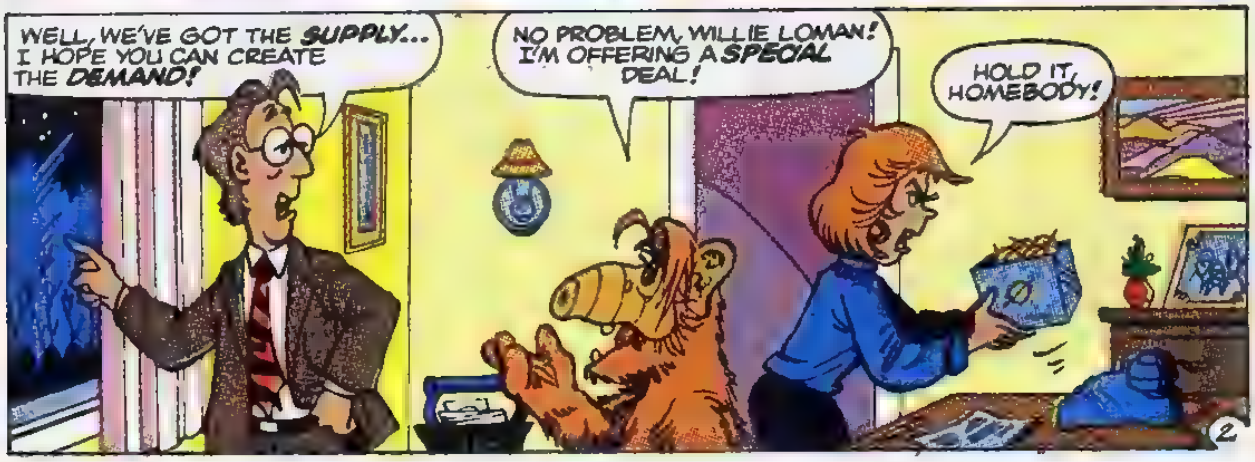

SHH! YOU'LL WAKE THE CHILDREN!
ALF...A STRAIGHT ANSWER OR A STRAIGHT LEFT JAB!
OKAY... CAN EITHER OF YOU WHISTLE ARBOR LIGHTS?


WHAT?
I'VE JOINED MADONNA, STING, SADÉ, AND OTHER STARS WITH NO LAST NAME IN ORDER TO SAVE THE RAIN FORESTS!
HUH?


DEFORESTATION IS A GLOBAL PROBLEM, SO I'VE TAKEN A JOB SELLING 500 SAPLING TREES OVER THE TELEPHONE! IT'S MY WAY OF THANKING DEAR OLD STEPMOTHER EARTH!
SOAP


THAT'S VERY NOBLE, ALF..BUT WE CAN'T STORE 500 TREES!
SURE YOU CAN! IN THE BACKYARD!
HUH? UH-OH!


SAPLINGS?
SAPLINGS!
sigh...


WELL, WE'VE GOT THE SUPPLY... I HOPE YOU CAN CREATE THE DEMAND!
NO PROBLEM, WILLIE LOMAN! I'M OFFERING A SPECIAL DEAL!
HOLD IT, HOMEBODY!
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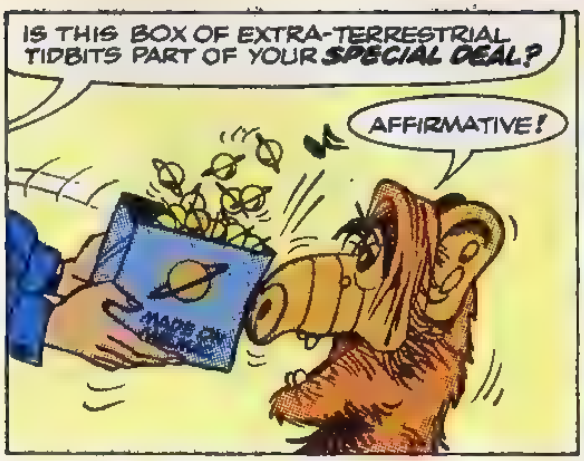
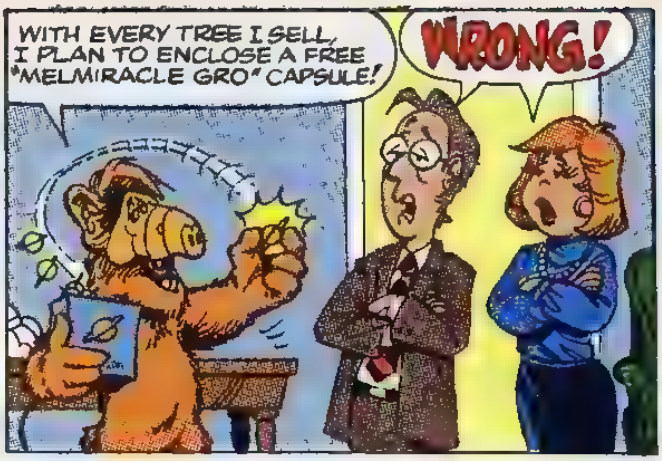
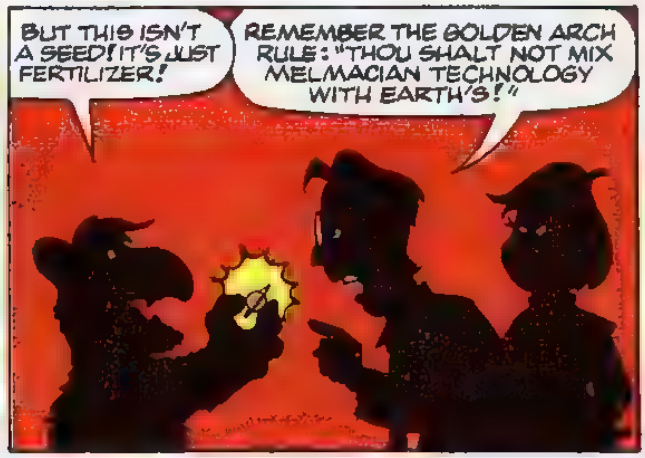
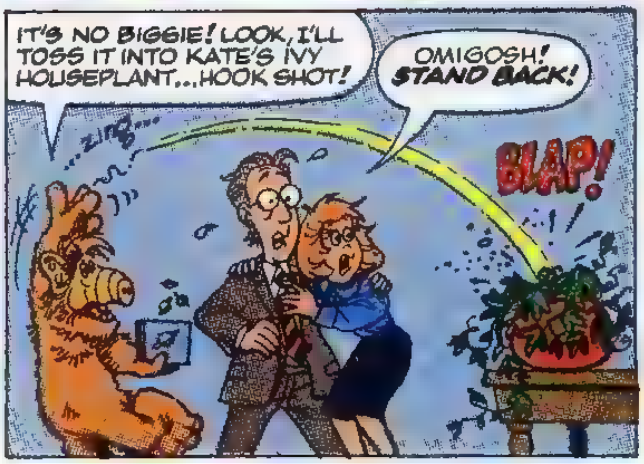
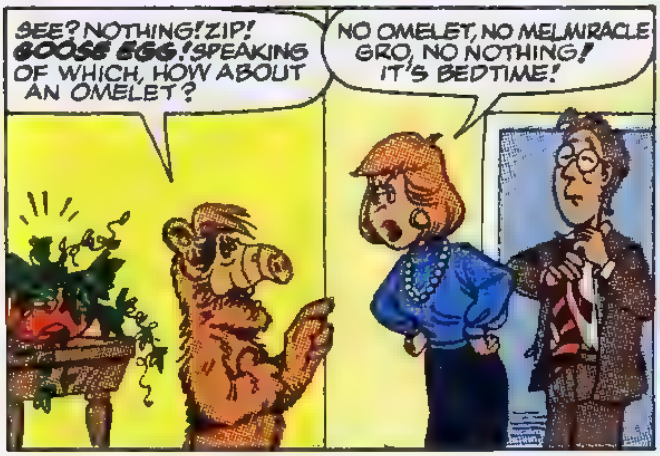

IS THIS BOX OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL TIDBITS PART OF YOUR SPECIAL DEAL?
AFFIRMATIVE!


WITH EVERY TREE I SELL, I PLAN TO ENCLOSE A FREE "MELMIRACLE GRO" CAPSULE!
WRONG!

ALF, DON'T YOU REMEMBER THE TROUBLE YOU CAUSED BY PLANTING THAT MELMACADAMIA NUT TREE?⊗
AH, YES! THAT WAS A MEMORABLE "Wear-a-plant Day"!
⊗IN ALF #9: "A Tree-Mendous Mistake!"--Editor


BUT THIS ISN'T A SEED! IT'S JUST FERTILIZER!
REMEMBER THE GOLDEN ARCH RULE: "THOU SHALT NOT MIX MELMACIAN TECHNOLOGY WITH EARTH'S!"


IT'S NO BIGGIE! LOOK, I'LL TOSS IT INTO KATE'S IVY HOUSEPLANT...HOOK SHOT!
OMIGOSH! STAND BACK!
ZING
SLAP!


SEE? NOTHING! ZIP! GOOSE EGG! SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW ABOUT AN OMELET?
NO OMELET, NO MELMIRACLE GRO, NO NOTHING! IT'S BEDTIME!

SEE YOU IN THE MORNING, ALF!
SWEET 'N' LOW DREAMS...
G'NITE!
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STAR SIGNALS

Do you ever wish a funny story would go on and on and never end? So do we! That's why everyone at STAR comics works round-the-clock creating hilarious stories for your favorite pals, HEATHCLIFF, COUNT DUCKULA, ALF, TOP DOG, DANGER MOUSE, and the newest guys on the block - POLICE ACADEMY!

Don't be upset when you finish reading this comic book! You can read the whole STAR lineup! This month pick up a few other titles and find out what's happening!

You send letters every day telling that incurable bachelor, HEATHCLIFF, to marry his girl, Sonja. In HEATHCLIFF 44, you and Sonja get your wish when HEATHCLIFF walks down the aisle.

In COUNT DUCKULA 8, you're treated to the inking of a master - Bill Sienkiewicz! As usual, trouble's a-brewing in Geraldo's TV show. This time that vegetarian vampire, COUNT DUCKULA, is in the middle of it. Will Nanny save the day or only get in the way? Will Professor Von Goosewing, insatiable vampire hunter, find his duck? Pick up a copy and find out in "Cry Me a Rivera." COUNT DUCKULA 8 is still on sale.

The newest star in our lineup is the gang from POLICE ACADEMY - the wackiest cops and robbers you'll ever meet! In POLICE ACADEMY 6, the daring boys - and girl - in blue fight the terrible Von Slug family in "A Hard Knight's Day." Mahoney and his friends go back to medieval times to battle big bullies from the tiniest country in the world. COUNT DUCKULA isn't the only one with a castle!

Can you believe it's ALF's 25th issue anniversary? He never looked better! When a zany kidnapper (you've seen him before) grabs your favorite alien, it's the criminal who's in for a big surprise! And so are you; fifteen golden melmoments from the 24 previous issues and assorted specials. Join ALF's melcelebration!

LATEST NEWS FLASH FROM THE STARS

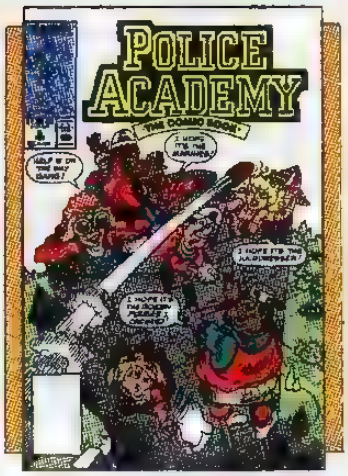
What does the future hold for new STAR comics? Good news! Soon you'll be able to pick up CAMP CANDY, and MIGHTY MOUSE comic books at your neighborhood newsstand. And there are more new titles on the way. Don't miss an issue - better yet, get a subscription today!

Can't get enough HEATHCLIFF? Coming soon is HEATHCLIFF's BIG 50TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE with 48 pages of that riotous cat!

Watch next month's STAR SIGNALS for a special announcement about our SUPER STARS OF THE YEAR poll!

CHECKLIST

- ☐ HEATHCLIFF #44
- ☐ POLICE ACADEMY #5
- ☐ POLICE ACADEMY #6
- ☐ ALF #25
- ☐ ALF #26
- ☐ COUNT DUCKULA #9
- ☐ ALF HOLIDAY SPECIAL #2



THE NEXT MORNING...
ZZZ--HMM?...IZZAT YOU, RHONDA?? WHYZ YER VOICE SO MUFFLED?
ALF! ALF!!
ALF!
YES! I'M UP! SHEESH! I FEEL LIKE I'M BACK IN FRUIT CAMP ⊗!
⊗DETAILED IN ALF #17: "Academy Reward" -Editor
ALF...I'M GOING TO COUNT TO ONE!..
O.K.K.T!
EEP!
OPLEASEOPLEASEOPLEASE LET ME STILL BE ASLEEP!
SLAM!
NO SUCH LUCK! THE MELMIRACLE-GRO CAPSULE WORKED ON THE PLANT OVERNIGHT! THE WHOLE DOWNSTAIRS IS A THICK TANGLE OF IVY!
THAT'S RIGHT, ALF...
WE'RE ALL TRAPPED!
NOW WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO ABOUT IT?
HANG ON, I'LL GET TO THE ROOT OF THIS PROBLEM!
HA!
SOON...
HOO BOY! KATE HASN'T SOUNDED THAT ANGRY SINCE I REGROUTED THE BATHROOM TILE WITH HER LIPSTICKS!
HURRY UP, ALF!
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HMM...AS I USED TO SAY DURING MY BRIEF CAREER AS "TARZALF"⊛... "IT'S A JUNGLE IN THERE"!
⊛WAY, WAY BACK IN ALF#2: "Jungle Love." Editor
BUT ENOUGH SHAMELESS BACK-ISSUE PLUGGING...CUE THE RESCUE!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH THEM...USING MY PEACH PITH HELMET AND MELMACHETE!
AND SO...
HANG ON, TANNERS! JUNGLE SLIM JIM IS ON HIS WAY! WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST!
HACK! CHOP! SLICE! CLEAVE!
OVER HERE, ALF!
WOMEN AND...Uh... CHIL...um...OH!...
C'MON, ALF! CUT MY ARMS LOOSE SO I CAN GET MY HANDS ON YOU!
Errr...NON-AGGRESSIVE WOMEN, CHILDREN OF ALL AGES, MEN AND CATS FIRST...
COME BACK HERE!
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
ZIP!
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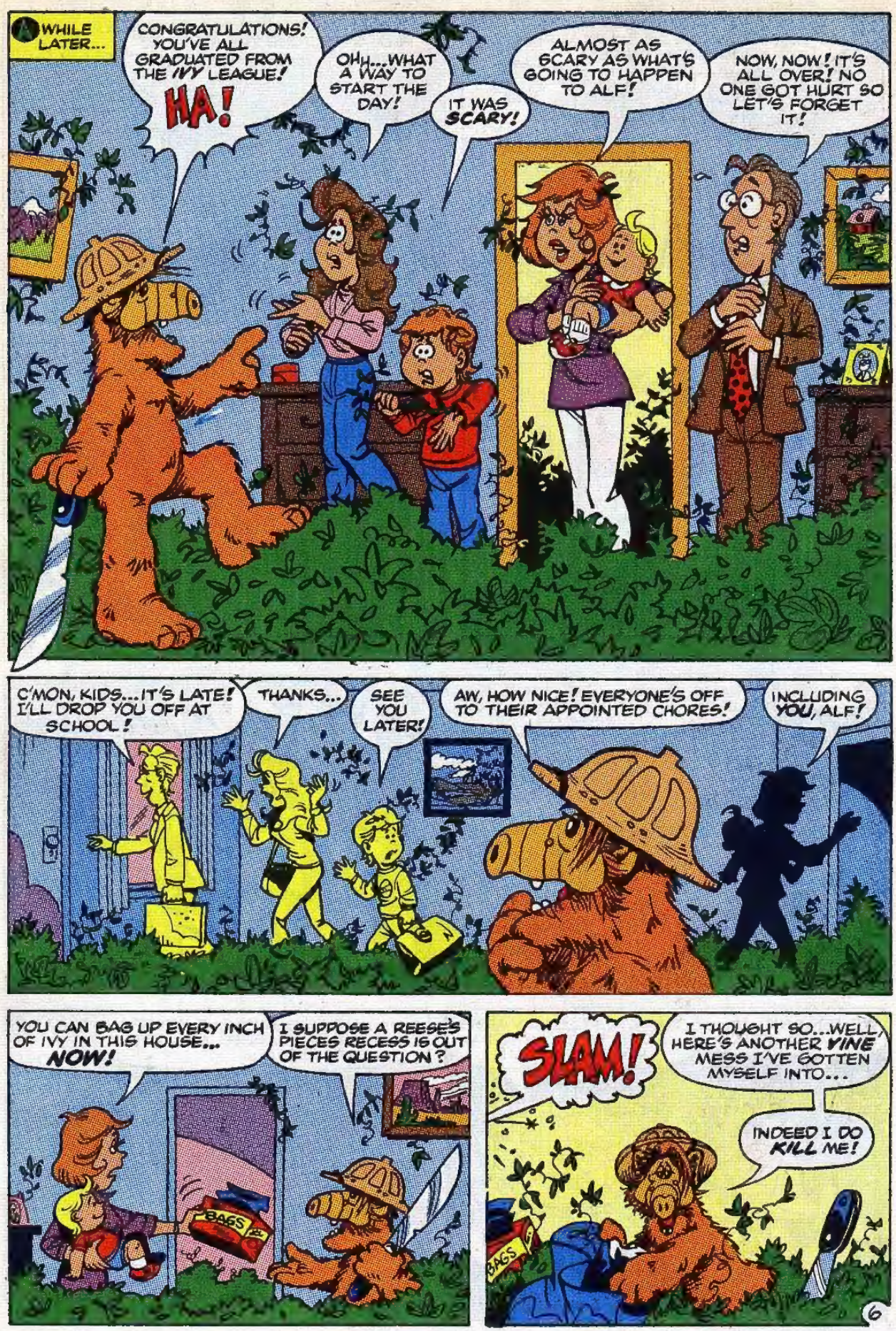
WHILE LATER...
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE ALL GRADUATED FROM THE IVY LEAGUE!
HA!
OHH...WHAT A WAY TO START THE DAY!
IT WAS SCARY!
ALMOST AS SCARY AS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ALF!
NOW, NOW! IT'S ALL OVER! NO ONE GOT HURT SO LET'S FORGET IT!
C'MON, KIDS...IT'S LATE! I'LL DROP YOU OFF AT SCHOOL!
THANKS...
SEE YOU LATER!
AW, HOW NICE! EVERYONE'S OFF TO THEIR APPOINTED CHORES!
INCLUDING YOU, ALF!
YOU CAN BAG UP EVERY INCH OF IVY IN THIS HOUSE... NOW!
I SUPPOSE A REESE'S PIECES RECESS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION?
BAGS
SLAM!
I THOUGHT SO...WELL, HERE'S ANOTHER VINE MESS I'VE GOTTEN MYSELF INTO...
INDEED I DO KILL ME!
BAGS
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HOURS PASS...
KOMMANDANT KATE! ALL THE CLIPPINGS HAVE BEEN DULY DISPOSED OF AS PER YOUR TAKE-OUT ORDERS!
SALUTE!
GOOD!
GOO!
REQUEST PERMISSION TO RESUME MY DUTIES SELLING SAPLINGS!
WHAT?!
WOT!
C'MON, KATE! IT'S FOR THE ENVIRONMENT! FOR ERIC'S GENERATION! HEY, I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE YOUR PLANET! IT'S NO PERSIAN PICNIC!
OKAY, OKAY!
BUT NO MELMIRACLE-GRO CAPSULES! IS THAT CLEAR?
AS CLEAR AS A GLASS OF INSTANT WATER. (Just add milk)
ALL RIGHT! I'M BACK IN MONKEY BUSINESS!
AH, HELLO AGAIN, OVERSEAS OPERATOR!
boop! beep! beep! boop!
YES, THIS IS SEÑIOR SHUMWAY AGAIN... LET'S PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF...
RIGHT...THE AMAZON RAIN FOREST DIRECTORY! I THINK WE WERE UP TO THE "G's"...FINE...PUT ME THROUGH TO THE FIRST MR. GONZALES...
THE END